

Springfield Christian Preschool Team

Leadership



Adrienne Jacobson, Director: Adrienne, a native of Springfield, began working with children in 1999. She earned a Master's degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a research focus on families and education systems. She completed further graduate studies in early childhood and special education at Quincy University. While working in the early childhood program in the local school district, Adrienne went on to complete a graduate program in behavior analysis and therapy, becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst in 2008. Adrienne holds both an Illinois and a National Early Childhood Director Credential. She loves leading teachers, serving families, and watching little learners thrive! Adrienne is married to Jon and they have a son, Landon, who attends Springfield Christian School. They are an active part of the West Side Christian Church community where Adrienne enjoys serving in the Fireside Café. In her free time, Adrienne loves spending time with her two favorite boys, reading, baking, cooking, enjoying nature, and learning new things.



Belinda Turley, Assistant Director: Miss Belinda grew up in Springfield. She left her hometown to attend Southwest Baptist University and then completed her early childhood coursework at LLCC and Penn Foster College. Before joining the SCP team, Belinda spent many years as a nanny for families in Illinois and in Bermuda (typically spending several years with each family) specializing in serving children with special needs. Belinda joined our team in 2017, most recently teaching our 4- and 5 year-olds. In May of 2021, Miss Belinda accepted the challenge to transition into the Assistant Director role. Miss Belinda is creative and intentional and is always striving to go above and beyond to serve SCP's students and families. These qualities, along with her experience in early childhood, leading groups in ministry settings, and bookkeeping make her an excellent fit for the Assistant Director role. Belinda lives in Springfield and is an active member of Hope Church where she is a leader in their Buddy Break program.

Faithful Friends Classroom (Our littlest learners)



Sunney Hinman: Miss Sunney is originally from Kentucky and earned her Bachelor's degree from Murray State University. After moving to Springfield and being at home with her young children, Miss Sunney worked as a substitute in the local school district before joining the SCP team as a regular substitute in 2014. In 2015, Miss Sunney moved into a full-time teaching role. Miss Sunney always brings joy and creativity into the classroom and is often creating fun science experiments or other hands-on learning activities for her students. Sunney lives in Springfield and she, along with her husband and two children, worship at West Side Christian Church.



Lori Wilson: Miss Lori just joined our team this Fall (2020) and we are glad to welcome her into the SCP community! Miss Lori has been working as a member of the West Side Christian Church KidCare team since 2007 and has been a team leader since 2015. Outside of KidCare, Before joining the SCP team, Lori worked at Silverleaf Children's Academy and also has many years of experience in office organization and administration (she wears the badge of "organizer" with honor!). Lori has a son, Quinton, who attends Springfield High School and she has also been an active foster parent for many years. Lori and her family are active members of the West Side Christian Church community.

Heaven's Helpers Classroom (Little learners with a few years before kindergarten)



Katelyn Holliday: Miss Katelyn was raised as a part of a farming family in Athens. Katelyn recently graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University where she studied Christian Education and Children's Ministry. Throughout her years in college, she worked in child care programs and, most recently, she served as a classroom teacher at New Salem Children's Center in Petersburg. Katelyn expresses pure joy when she talks about her work with children! She enjoys planning creative activities for young children and helping them have those "lightbulb" moments when they master new skills. Katelyn and her family are a part of the West Side Christian Church community.



Amanda Mendenhall: Miss Amanda has lived in the Springfield area her whole life and earned her degree in Early Childhood from LLCC. She began working with children in 2009 and became a part of the SCP team in the 2016-2017 school year. Miss Amanda is always a joyful, enthusiastic member of the SCP team and she shares this enthusiasm with her students. Amanda enjoys hearing all of the clever things little learners come up with and you can often hear the laughter, singing, and happy playing coming from the Heaven's Helpers classroom. Amanda worships at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham where she serves on the Christian Education Board and teaches Sunday School. Amanda enjoys reading, cooking, antiques, and spending time with her twin sister and the rest of their family.

Blessed Believers Classroom (Little learners with a few years before kindergarten)



Ruth Ford: Miss Ruth is a native of central Illinois and earned her degree in Child Development from LLCC. Ruth began working with children in 1989 and joined the SCP team in 1997. Her education and work experience, along with raising four of her own children, allows her to bring both skill and wisdom to the SCP team. Ruth excels at creating a classroom environment for our little learners in which they can develop fundamental learning skills and grow in their independence. Ruth lives in Athens and worships at Holy Family Church. In her free time, Ruth enjoys spending time with her four sons, reading, listening to music, and creating scrapbooks.



Janis Jones: Miss Janis was born and raised in the area and she first started working with children in 1970. After several years of working for a church and other service organizations she returned to the early childhood field in 1990 and joined the SCP team in 2006. Miss Janis earned her degree in early childhood education from LLCC and her experience includes working in multiple child care centers as well as raising her own two children. You can usually find Miss Janis laughing with her students and easily keeping their attention for learning times and story times. Janis is a proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother! She enjoys spending time with her family, trying new things, and traveling when she can. Janis lives in Petersburg and worships at First Christian Church in Petersburg as well as West Side Christian Church.

Abraham's Children Classroom (Kindergarten is getting closer!)



LuAnn Joseph: Miss LuAnn joined the SCP team in 2019 after many years of serving children as a missionary in India (1991-2010) and 8 years working in early childhood programs in the Champaign-Urbana area. LuAnn has studied Christian Education, Children's Ministry, and Early Childhood, earning two Master's degrees. LuAnn has a natural ability to teach children the necessary academic skills to prepare them for kindergarten including phonemic awareness and fine motor development/hand writing among other skills. She also desires for her students to grow spiritually and feel connected from a social/emotional perspective. After returning to the U.S. from India, she and her husband lived in the Champaign-Urbana area and recently relocated to Chatham. LuAnn worships at West Side Christian Church. LuAnn loves spending time with her children and grandchildren and, when time allows, she likes to crochett.



Jenn Myers: Miss Jenn was raised in Pawnee and then earned her degree in Early Childhood and Children's Ministry from Lincoln Christian University. Jenn has worked with children in church settings and child care centers since 2010, joining the SCP team in 2012. Parents and students alike grow close to Miss Jenn, likely because of her genuine interest in their lives and her servant heart. Miss Jenn engages students across all domains as they prepare for kindergarten including contextual math and early literacy. She and her husband, Nick, have two young boys- Camden and Carter. Her family worships at Cherry Hills Church and they love to find fun activities to do as a family. Jenn also enjoys reading, watching movies, visiting new places, and following sports (go Cardinals!)

King's Kids Classroom (Kindergarten is getting closer!)



Kim Moberly: Kim is a native of central Illinois and has been a part of the SCP community since the late 1980s when it opened as Christian Day Care Center. Kim enjoys getting to know her students, planning special activities for them, and creating intentional learning activities that prepare them for kindergarten. Kim is the proud mother of two daughters, a son, a step-daughter, a son-in-law, and she loves being a grandma! Kim enjoys spending time with her family and almost anything related to organizing! Kim and her husband, John, worship at Riverton Christian Church.



Dulci Harms: Dulci (pronounced "dul-see") was born and raised in Illinois and joined the SCP team after more than ten years of experience teaching in elementary and preschool settings, most recently at Chatham Baptist. Along with her work directly with children, Dulci also has ten years of experience working alongside publishing companies and school libraries to help build school library collections that align with learning goals. Dulci enjoys building relationships with children, helping students explore their creative sides, and teaching them about God's big love for them! Dulci and her husband live in Springfield and are active members of the West Side Christian Church community where Dulci enjoys serving in the children's ministry.

Classroom Support & Morning Engagement



Allison Tinch: Miss Allison, a Springfield native, has been a part of the SCP team since 2016 as both a classroom substitute and, currently, as a daily classroom floater. This year, Miss Allison greets families at the front desk in the morning a few days a week and then spends time helping in each classroom throughout the week. Allison completed her Bachelor's degree at Indiana Wesleyan University where she earned a degree in Intercultural Studies. Allison recently completed her graduate degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. Allison and her family worship at Cherry Hills Church and she is a volunteer with CASA.

Classroom Substitutes



Cathy Gochenour: Miss Cathy is a Springfield native and has been a part of the SCP team in some fashion for more than 20 years. During most of those years, Cathy served as a classroom substitute or as a part time classroom teachers. Currently, Miss Cathy works at Franklin Middle School during the school year and we are fortunate to have her serve SCP as a substitute during the summer months and school breaks. Miss Cathy enjoys spending time with her husband and two grown sons.



Rachel Hunter: During the school year, Miss Rachel is an Early Childhood teacher at the Early Learning Center in the Springfield school district. Since 2015, Miss Rachel has served SCP as a substitute during the summer months. We always enjoy Rachel's servant heart, flexibility, and her willingness to dive right in and become a part of the SCP community when she is here each summer!



Becky Radecki: Miss Becky is from central Illinois and earned her Bachelor's degree from Lincoln Christian University. Miss Becky worked with young children in Indiana for 12 years before returning to Central Illinois in 2019. Miss Becky serves as an SCP classroom substitute and we enjoy her enthusiasm and joyful spirit! Becky and her husband, Eric, are active at Lakeside Christian Church where he serves as Worship Minister. Becky and Eric enjoy spending time with their three sons and their daughter-in-law.



Elizabeth Small: Miss Elizabeth is a native of central Illinois, graduating from New Berlin High School. She attends Anderson University during the school year where she is majoring in Education. In the past several years, Elizabeth has worked with children as an after-school children's leader and a summer club leader. We are happy to have Elizabeth as a part of our team during the summer months.